Stoughton High School
College and Career Night

WELCOME FAMILIES

Hosted By:
Stoughton High School
Counseling Department
Program for the Evening

- Introductions and Overview
- Panel speakers, Questions
- College Admissions:
  Getting Ready
  The College Search
  Before You Make a Decision
  MCAS Scholarships and NCAA Eligibility
  The Application Process
Your Team!
School Counseling Department

Ms. Nada Bourji
Ms. Christine Carr
Mr. Christopher Evans
Ms. Ashley Guba
Ms. Elizabeth Hennessy
Ms. Barbara Meyer
Guest Panelists

Michael O'Keefe, UMASS Boston
Fran Ridolfo, Johnson & Wales University
Nathan Galati, TSgt, US Air Force
Juan Zea, Master Sgt. US Air Force
1. To encourage the conversation surrounding the college and career activities
2. To outline the ways your school counseling team will support your child in the career planning process
Beginning with the End in Mind

Massachusetts Career Interest System
Explore Interests

- Strategic Volunteerism
- Part-Time Work
- Career Shadowing
- Clubs

What things are important/value in life?
Understand Aptitudes

What are your child’s natural strengths?
Time Spent Developing Career Plan = Time Spent Looking at Schools
Counselor Assignments

YOG 2021

➤ A-D Mr. Evans
➤ E-L Ms. Carr
➤ M-Q Ms. Bourji
➤ R-Z Mrs. Meyer

College and Career Counselor: Ms. Guba
Getting Ready

What Should I Be Doing Now?
College Planning Calendar

Begin Now To:

- Review Red Folder Contents and College Placement Timetable
- Meet with your school counselor to review your transcript and discuss post secondary options
- Schedule college visits
- Sign up for required testing
Testing

- SAT Reasoning Test in Spring of Junior Year (May at SHS) and Fall of Senior Year (Oct at SHS)

- SAT Subject Tests in June of Junior year, or in the fall, depending on student’s college selections

- ACT as another option
Test Preparation Options

- Khan Academy → free through College Board
- Books from the library
- Outside resources-- Kaplan ($$), tutoring, weekend classes at BSU
College Planning Materials

Turn in to Counselor in June:

Students received these forms in their red folders:

▪ Rough Draft Senior Resume
▪ College Questionnaire
▪ Teacher Recommendation Requests
▪ Guardian Questionnaire

Review your transcript for errors
The College Search

Where to Begin?
Explore Colleges

Establish a Criteria

- Size
- Location
- Type of School
- Atmosphere
- Academics
- Housing
The path to your perfect college begins with college fairs.

Local Spring 2020 College Fairs

[Image: College Fair Banner]

https://www.nacacfairs.org/

**Boston National College Fair**
Thursday, April 30, 2020 - Friday, May 01, 2020
Fair Hours:
- April 30, 2020: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- April 30, 2020: 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- May 01, 2020: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location:
Boston Convention & Exhibition Center
415 Summer Street
Boston, MA 02210

**Providence National College Fair**
Tuesday, April 07, 2020
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Location:
Rhode Island Convention Center
1 Sabin St
Providence, RI 02903

**Brockton, Oliver Ames, & Stoughton High Schools College Fair**
Wednesday, April 29, 2020
5pm - 7pm
Location:
Brockton High School
43 Crescent St Brockton, MA 02301
Useful Resources

Naviance
www.naviance.com
- College SuperMatch
- Career Profiler
- Interest Inventory
- Resume Builder
- School Counseling
  Application submission

Educational Websites
- www.collegeboard.org
- www.act.org
- www.schoolname.edu
- www.commonapp.org
- www.mefa.org
When LOOKING!!!!

Finding a Good Match and Managing College Costs
What to Do? What to Consider?

Visiting Colleges

- Attend Open Houses and college tours in the spring of your junior year
- Meet with current students
- Sit in on a class
- See a residence hall and eat in a dining hall

Obtain Information about Important Programs

- Academic Programs Offered
- Sports
- Services for Students with Disabilities
- Internships
- Study Abroad Programs
- Career Services
Financial Aid

- Financial Aid Forms- FAFSA, CSS Profile
- Assistance with Financial Aid- ASA (American Student Assistance) and at MEFA-sponsored events statewide
- MEFA Financial Aid Night at SHS Early Fall
- FAFSA becomes available October 1, 2020
Scholarships

▪ Scholarships will be made available electronically as the Counseling Office receives information of National and School Specific Scholarships

▪ Local Scholarship Information published for students in February of Senior Year

NCAA Eligibility

Eligibility Requirements and Becoming Certified

An incoming student athlete must satisfy the requirements outlined on the NCAA Eligibility Reference Sheet or at www.web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/

To Become Certified:

▪ Students must complete the student release form and send it to the Clearinghouse. This can be completed On-line at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net or by mail.

▪ Students can complete this form starting at the end of their junior year.

▪ Eligibility will be granted once the student graduates from high school.
The College Application Process...
Application Types

- Online Applications
- Common Applications
Application Terminology

- Early Decision: Early deadline, decision is binding
- Early Action: Early deadline, decision is non-binding
- Rolling Decision: Students notified on rolling basis once application is received and reviewed
- Regular Decision: Set deadline, all applications reviewed and then acceptances mailed out on a set date
Understanding everyone’s role in the application process:

- The Student’s Role
- The Guardian’s Role
- The Teacher’s Role
- The Counselor’s Role
School Counseling Packet Includes:

- Counselor Recommendation
- Student Transcript
- School Profile
- First term report card

Mid Year grades sent only when requested

*Final Transcript (mailed at the end of the year to school identified by the student)*
Thank you for your attention!

The SHS School Counseling Department